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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Sir, opening of a new Medical College is not such an easy matter. It requires a sum of rupees one crore and more for each College.

Hospital for Nariambettu village

* 343 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received an offer from a philanthropist of Ambar promising to contribute 50 per cent towards the cost of the construction of a regular hospital at Nariambettu village, Gudiyattam taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) No, Sir; it is only the Hon. Member who has been referring to such an offer in his letters to Government.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is the Hon. Minister aware that when the Hon. Chief Minister visited that village, he promised to take steps for the construction of a Hospital if private parties contributed 50 per cent of the cost? If this contribution of 50 per cent of the cost was forthcoming, will the Government accept it and open a Hospital there?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Unfortunately, I was not with the Hon. Chief Minister at that time. So, I am not aware of it just now. If the hon. Member puts up any concrete proposal, then I shall have it considered.

SRI T. KARIA GOUNDER: நரியம்பட்டு கிராமத்தில் ஆஸ்பத்திரியை ஏற்படுத்த வேண்டும் என்பதற்கு வடாற்காடு ப்ளானிங் போர்டிலிருந்து தீர்மானம் வந்திருக்கிறதா? அப்படி வந்திருந்தால் அதன்மீது என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொள்ளப் போகிறார்கள் என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: தீர்மானம் வந்ததாக எனக்குத் தகவல் இல்லை. ஒரு கிராமத்தார் தங்கள் கிராமத்தில் வைக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்கிறார்கள், இன்னொரு கிராமத்தார் தங்கள் கிராமத்தில்தான் வைக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொல்கிறார்கள். இதைப் போய் பரிசீலித்து யார் உண்மையில் பாதிப்பணம் கொடுக்க முன்வருகிறார்களோ அவர்களுடைய கிராமத்தில் ஏற்படுத்த ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படும்.

Overbridge at Kodambakkam

* 344 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal with the Government to construct an overbridge at the level crossing in Arcot Road, Kodambakkam, Madras;

(*b*) if, so, the estimated cost of construction of the overbridge;

(*c*) when it would be taken up for execution;

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(*d*) what is the contribution by the Corporation of Madras for the construction of the bridge; and

(*e*) if there is no proposal of such kind, what is the priority it enjoys now?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have been requested to assign the 10th priority to this overbridge among the 45 level crossings in this State proposed to be replaced by over/under-bridges.

(*b*) Estimated cost has not yet been worked out.

(*c*) The work will be taken up for execution in due course after getting the concurrence of the Government of India to the higher priority proposed for it.

(*d*) The Corporation of Madras will have to bear up to 50 per cent of the cost of consrtuction of the approaches to the overbridge.

(*e*) Does not arise.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Whereas Kodambakkam is considered as the 'Hollywood of Madras' and whereas that Arcot Road carries a larger number of vehicular traffic when compared to other roads in the city of Madras, will the Government recommend to the Central Government that that road may be given the immediate next priority soon after the Mc. Nicholls Overbridge is constructed

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Whatever be the growing importance of Kodambakkam about which the hon. Member may be rightly proud, the Government are unable to appreciate that the immediate first priority should be given to it. There are certain other overbridges which do deserve higher priorities.

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMY: The Hon. Minister has just now said that the Arcot Road Overbridge has been given the 10th priority. May I know what the other nine priorities are?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: They are:—

(1) Mc. Nicholls Road (near Chetpet railway station),

(2) Thiruvothiyur High Road,

(3) Light House (Springhaven) Road.

(4) Avanashi Road (Coimbatore Municipality).

(5) Madras-Calicut Trunk Road, west of Salem Market Railway Station (Salem).

(6) Thirupparankundram Road (Madurai-Tirunelveli Road) near Meenakshi Mills (Madurai Municipality).

(7) Thirupparankundram Road (Madurai-Tirunelveli Road) near Subramaniapuram (Madurai Municipality).

(8) Ranipet-Krishnagiri Road. (Vellore Municipality.)

(9) Mile 357/8 of Banares-Cape Comorin Road (Kovilpatti Municipality).

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SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : பாரிஸிலிருந்து பீச் ரோடு வழியாக சட்டசபைக்கு வருவதானால் நடுவில் உள்ள ரயில்வே கேட்டை மூடிவிட்டால் பல நிமிஷங்களுக்கு மேல் தாமதம் ஆகிவிடுகிறது. ஐந்து நிமிஷங்களுக்கு ஒரு முறை கேட்டை சாத்திவிடுகிறார்கள். அதற்கு மேம்பாலம் கட்ட ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : ப்ரையாரிடி லிஸ்டில் அது மூன்றாவதாக இருக்கிறது.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Is the Hon Minister aware of the fact that many Ministers belonging to this Cabinet, when proceeding to Kodambakkam to attend some meetings, were held up for hours together in that level crossing along with other heavy vehicular traffic, will the Government consider the possibility of recommending to the Government of India that it may be given the next priority if the cinema magnates residing in that place come forward to contribute 50 per cent of the cost of constructing the overbridge ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We are of course aware of the inconveniences, and it means that we should start a few minutes earliar, till the Overbridge is constructed. Sir, about the priority, even if private contribution should be forthcoming we certainly welcome it we shall give due consideration to it. Still, it would be difficult to give the first priority to this Overbridge.

Ex-Travancore-Cochin State personnel

* 345 Q.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the service integration of the Travancore-Cochin State personnel has been completed;

(b) the total number of Travancore-Cochin State personnel who were taken to Madras State service;

(c) the number of N.G.Os. among them; and

(d) the number of Gazetted Officers among them?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Integration of the services of the personnel has been completed in respect of 14 Departments so far.

(b) to (d) The Government consider that the collection of the particulars required by the hon. Member will involve a good deal of time and labour which will not be commensurate with the purpose served.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that there is general discontent among the Travancore-Cochin State personnel because of the delay in completing their service integration, may I know whether the reports from all the departments have come to the Government and what the reason for the delay is? Will the Government please consider the cases of at least those people who are getting low salaries and also of teachers.